

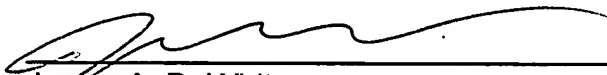
REMARKS

Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-20, and adds new claims 21-67 to clarify the subject matter of the invention. Thus, claims 21-67 are currently pending.

Applicant also notes that new independent method claims 21 and 61 include the same claims elements as allowed claims 28 and 1 of the co-pending parent application U.S. Patent Application No. 09/369,118, respectively, as well as further reciting additional claim elements, and thus are believed to be allowable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as those claims of the parent application. Applicant further believes that the additional recited claim elements further render these new claims patentable over the cited prior art. In addition, as the other new independent claims 25, 53, and 63 include similar language to that of independent claims 21 and 61, Applicant believes that these other claims are allowable for similar reasons.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6380.

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